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Confirmation No.: 7626

Examiner: Daniel R. ZIRKER

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For: PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE TAPE OR SHEET

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Office communication mailed May 12, 2006.

The Office communication indicates that U.S. Patent No. 5,571,617, which was listed in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed March 2, 2006, has not been considered, because the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) submitted with the IDS on March 2, 2006, is said to be improper.

However, MPEP §609.04(b) states as follows:

if an information disclosure statement includes a copy of a dated communication from a foreign patent office which clearly shows that the statement is being submitted within 3 months of the date on the communication, the copy will be accepted as the required statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

Applicants submitted a copy of a First Office Action from the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China (and a translation thereof) along with the IDS filed March 2, 2006. Copies of the Chinese-language Office Action and translation thereof have been received by the

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PTO and made of record, as evidenced by the Image File Wrapper on PAIR. Applicants refer to the pair of "NPL Documents" entries dated March 2, 2006.

The First Office Action clearly shows that the IDS of March 2, 2006, was submitted within 3 months of the date on the communication (December 30, 2005).

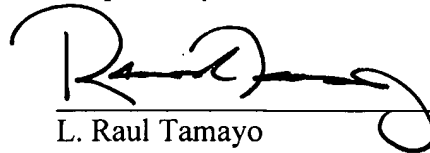
Accordingly, the copies of the Chinese-language Office Action and translation thereof on record must be accepted as the required statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request: (i) consideration of U.S. Patent No. 5,571,617 and (ii) the return of an initialed and signed copy of the Modified PTO/SB/08 A & B (08-03) form listing U.S. Patent No. 5,571,617.

Counsel for Applicants would like to sincerely thank Supervisory Patent Examiner Morris for his assistance. Mr. Morris confirmed that U.S. Patent No. 5,571,617 has been properly certified in accordance with MPEP §609.04(b).

At Mr. Morris' suggestion, Applicants are submitting herewith a clean copy of the Modified PTO/SB/08 A & B (08-03) form listing U.S. Patent No. 5,571,617 first submitted with the IDS on March 2, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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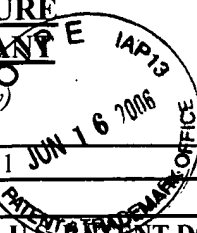
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		5,571,617	A	11-05-1996	Cooprider et al.

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